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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

High-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/299 of 20 December 2002, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", in which it decided to convene a day of high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of its twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,[1] and to hold, in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting, an informal interactive panel discussion with the theme "Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: from policy to practice – progress achieved, lessons learned and best practices",

Recalling also that, in accordance with its resolution 57/299, the statements in the debate in the plenary meetings should not exceed five minutes each,

Recalling further that in its resolution 57/299, it invited the President of the General Assembly to finalize any outstanding organizational matters in consultation with the Member States,

1. *Decides* to amend paragraph 2 of its resolution 57/299 to read "*Decides* to convene a day of high-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of its twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, to be held on 22 September 2003";

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[1] Resolution S-26/2, annex.

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2. *Also decides* that the list of speakers for the debate in plenary will be organized on a first-come, first-served basis, the order of precedence being as follows:

(a) Heads of State and Government;

(b) Vice-Presidents/Crown Princes or Princesses;

(c) Deputy Prime Ministers;

(d) The highest ranking official of the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and of Palestine, in its capacity as observer;

(e) Ministers;

(f) Vice-Ministers;

(g) Heads of delegations;

and, should the level of participation change, the replacement speaker will be accommodated in the last position available in the appropriate category;

3. *Further decides* that, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 57/299, an invitation to the informal interactive panel discussion, to be held in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting, will be extended to those on the list of civil society representatives[2] submitted on 25 April 2003 by the President of the General Assembly to Member States and to which no objection has been received.

[2] A/57/CRP.4, annex.